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1. On 17 January 1953 the Governing Commission of the Ruegen Harbor Project met in the Office of Minister President RAU. Those present were:

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Hans Helmut BOLDT
RAU
VERNER

Planning Office
Presiding Officer
Chief Administrator of the
Seepolizei
Building Administration
Bau Union North
Coordinator of the SED
Ministry of Reconstruction

2. Two reports constituted the agenda. The first, given by SPIESS, concerned the progress of the construction site;

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3. The main theme of SPIESS's report was a complaint on the lack of support from higher authorities. [redacted] a catastrophe was certain with regard to the 1 May 54 deadline for completion of the canal in its full width and depth (with the exception of final tests), unless the construction site was mechanized to full capacity. The status at that time was:

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60 per cent	dredging capacity
20 per cent	dump lorry capacity
15 per cent	locomotive capacity
20 per cent	"90" gauge track (heavier)

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5. RAU proposed two measures to be taken immediately, and which were adopted by the Governing Commission. The first was the formation of a commission of experts under the leadership of State Secretary MAYER. MAYER's commission was to determine whether the existing work plans allowed other working methods with improvements and corrections, such as:

- a. supporting a floating dredge from the south
- b. leaving earth lying on either side to be removed by trucks at a later date, and
- c. introducing a flushing device for transporting dirt.

The second measure was the summoning of the Special Commission for Traffic, which was to determine from where the necessary machines could be procured.

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Comments: This report is forwarded primarily to indicate completion date of the first stage of the Ruegen Harbor Project. [redacted] the 1 May 54 deadline will not be met and [redacted] the first stage will be completed most likely in the fall of 1954.

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